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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: LOCAL PAPERS JUNE 6 REPORT THAT
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PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT MET WITH SECRETARY OF DEFENSE HAROLD
BROWN ON JUNE 5 FOR 40 MINUTES AT TURKISH EMBASSY. PRIMIN
ECEVIT WAS REPORTED AS SAYING AFTER THE MEETING THAT HIS
AND SECRETARY BROWN'S VIEWS "WERE VERY CLOSE TO EACH OTHER."
SECRETARY BROWN REPORTEDLY TOLD ECEVIT THAT THE CARTER
ADMINISTRATION IS MAKING "INTENSIVE EFFORTS" TO HAVE ARMS
EMBARGO REPEALED, AND THAT LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO IS

IMPORTANT TO ALL NATO ALLIES, INCLUDING GREECE, AS WELL AS TO TURKEY.

2. ECEVIT REPORTEDLY SAID THAT SECRETARY BROWN AGREED WITH TURKISH VIEWS THAT U.S.-TURKISH BILATERAL COOPERATION SHOULD BE INCREASED AND THAT ECONOMIC COOPERATION SHOULD BE INCLUDED THEREIN. PAPERS ALSO NOTE THAT ECEVIT MET WITH A GROUP OF TWENTY-FIVE SENATORS, INCLUDING SENATORS JAVITS, PERCY, RIBICOFF, KENNEDY AND SARBANES, AND THAT AMBASSADOR SPIERS WAS PRESENT.

3. IN THE MOST SIGNIFICANT COMMENT OF THE DAY, CONSERVATIVE DAILY "TERCUMAN" CARRIED REPORT BY MEHMET ALI KISLALI AND AHMET SARPER FROM WASHINGTON TO EFFECT THAT ECEVIT AND SECRETARY BROWN AGREED TO "PRINCIPLES" THAT WILL GOVERN U.S.-TURKISH DEFENSE COOPERATION AFTER THE EMBARGO IS LIFTED. ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT, SECRETARY BROWN SAID THAT A SPECIAL U.S. MILITARY DELEGATION WOULD VISIT ANKARA "IMMEDIATELY" AFTER (PRESUMABLY POSITIVE) CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON THE EMBARGO TO DISCUSS PROJECTS TO BE FINANCED BY THE U.S. THIS REPORT ALSO SAID THAT THE U.S. PRIVATE SECTOR WOULD BE INCLUDED IN JOINT U.S.-TURKISH DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS, AND THAT PREPARATIONS ARE UNDERWAY BY THE USG TO INCREASE MILITARY SALES CREDITS FOR TURKEY. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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4. BEGIN LOU: COMMENT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING DETAILS OF ECEVIT'S MEETING WITH SECRETARY BROWN, TOGETHER WITH INDICATION OF CONCRETE STEPS WASHINGTON PLANS TO TAKE TO REVITALIZE U.S.-TURKISH DEFENSE COOPERATION ONCE THE EMBARGO HAS BEEN REPEALED. FURTHER, WE REQUEST THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS SUCH PROPOSALS WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY, DEFENSE MINISTRY AND TURKISH GENERAL STAFF WELL IN ADVANCE, INTER ALIA, TO LAY PROPER GROUNDWORK FOR THE VISIT OF A MILITARY DELEGATION IF THIS IS INDEED IN THE CARDS. END LOU. DILLON

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